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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 85, 2/10/15; HB 54, 2/9/2015; SB 275, 2/9/2015;
SB 225, 2/9/2015

HEARING ON HB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:15 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 85, Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:43 Shawn Graham, executive director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts33a02)

00:20:16 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:02 Sen. Driscoll
00:21:25 Mr. Graham, TRS
00:21:29 Sen. Driscoll
00:21:44 Mr. Graham
00:21:55 Sen. Malek
00:22:15 Mr. Graham
00:23:16 Sen. Malek
00:23:45 Mr. Graham
00:24:39 Sen. Kary
00:25:12 Mr. Graham
00:26:09 Chair Brown
00:26:33 Mr. Graham
00:26:38 Chair Brown
00:26:54 Mr. Graham

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:20 Rep. Woods

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:41 Rep. Andrew Person (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 54, Revise outdated code references to social security administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:35 Cheryl Grey, administrator, Department of Administration

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:33 Rep. Person

HEARING ON SB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:32 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 275, Constitutional amendment to elect board of public education.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:55 Peter Donovan, executive director, Board of Public Education (BPE)
00:38:02 Kirk Miller, representing himself
00:42:51 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT
00:44:33 Ann Gilkey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:45:18 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:59 Sen. Kary
00:47:19 Mr. Miller, MEA-MFT
00:49:26 Sen. Kary
00:49:43 Mr. Miller
00:52:52 Sen. Whitford
00:53:39 Chair Brown
00:53:44 Sen. Webb

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00:54:52 Sen. Whitford
00:55:07 Sen. Webb
00:55:50 Mr. Donovan, BPE
00:56:13 Chair Brown
00:56:36 Sen. Webb
00:56:49 Chair Brown

00:57:11 Mr. Donovan
00:57:21 Chair Brown
00:57:46 Mr. Donovan
00:58:35 Sen. Whitford
00:59:16 Ms. Gilkey, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:01 Sen. Webb

01:03:00 Sen. Webb assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:02 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 225, Prohibit mixed partisan and nonpartisan mailers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:08 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MONTpirg)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:41 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practice (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:19 Sen. Driscoll
01:07:09 Sen. Brown
01:09:22 Sen. Driscoll
01:09:58 Sen. Brown
01:10:41 Sen. Hinkle
01:11:29 Sen. Brown
01:11:45 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
01:12:30 Sen. Kary
01:12:55 Mr. Motl, COPP
01:15:16 Sen. Whitford
01:16:05 Mr. Motl
01:17:57 Sen. Whitford
01:18:02 Mr. Motl
01:18:32 Sen. Malek
01:19:16 Mr. Motl
01:23:51 Sen. Malek
01:24:22 Mr. Motl
01:25:06 Sen. Hinkle
01:25:32 Mr. Motl

01:26:48 Sen. Hinkle

01:27:10 Mr. Motl

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:33 Sen. Brown

01:30:03 Chair Brown assumed the chair.

01:30:05 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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